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MUSEUMS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board (MCAAB)
Thursday – October 19, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
El Paso Museum of Archaeology

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Roll Call	Board Member	Present	Absent
	Elizabeth Ann Bulos	X	
	Elvira Carrizal-Dukes		X
	Carolina Franco	X	
	Anne Giangiulio	X	
	Kenneth Gorski	X	
	Teresa Hernandez		X
	Lloyd III Hamilton	X	
	Jeff Harris	X	
	Karla Iscapa	X	
	Laura Jaquez	X	
	Vanessa Leon	X	
	Daniel Longoria		X
	Adam Marshall	X	
	Carina Ramirez	X	
	Ida Mae Steadman		X

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Consecutive absences: Elvira Carrizal-Dukes (1st), Teresa Hernandez (1st), Daniel Longoria (1st) and Ida Mae Steadman (1st).

Others present: Tracey Jerome, Ben Fyffe, Victoria Ramirez, Jeff Romney, David Grabitske, Omar De La Rosa, Diana Cepeda.

2. **Call for Public Comment.** None

3. **Discussion and Action on Approval of Minutes for September 21, 2017.** Ken Gorski gave members a few minutes to review the minutes and requested a motion to approve. Carolina Franco moved to approve. Elizabeth Bulos seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

4. **Distribution of 2017/2018 MCAAB Meeting Schedule.** Diana Cepeda provided a copy of the 2017/2018 MCAAB meeting schedule to each Board member. Mr. Gorski explained the Ordinance indicates the meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of every month with the exception of January and July. The meetings are at 4 pm and alternated between the Art Museum, the History Museum and the Archaeology Museum. Tracey Jerome added the Board would be reminded regarding location before each meeting. She also said the reason for rotating the meetings among the three Museums is to give the Board an opportunity visit each site and to see the exhibitions in each of the sites.

5. **Discussion and Action on Election of Officers.** Ms. Jerome explained the Board holds elections of officers on an annual basis. She referenced the email sent to the Board a week prior to the meeting that had a summary of the positions the Board needed to take action on. The Board needs to elect a Chair who presides over the meetings and serves as primary liaison between the Board and staff and it also needs a Vice-chair who deputizes in the absence of the Chair. The Board needs to elect the liaisons assigned to each of the Museums and three appointments to the Public Art Committee (PAC), including a Chair for the Committee according to the Ordinance.

Karla Iscapa asked how long the terms last and Ms. Jerome responded one year. Carina Ramirez nominated Ken Gorski to continue as the Chair. Carolina Franco moved to approve. Karla Iscapa seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Ms. Ramirez nominated herself for the Vice-Chair role. Adam Marshall seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously. Ms. Jerome said the Board needed to appoint the liaisons for each of the Museums. The liaisons serve as connection between the Board and each Museum and as advocates of the Board. She also described the role as Public Art Committee (PAC) member, which according to the Ordinance, MCAAB appoints three members. The PAC is a subcommittee of MCAAB and meets once a month on the second Tuesday at the Museum and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) administrative offices. Ben Fyffe explained the PAC appointees approve Public Art projects for the entire year with currently a roster of \$6.5 million in capital projects for the integration of Public Art to Municipal projects. Mr. Gorski as the Chair of MCAAB, appointed Lloyd Hamilton, Adam Marshall and Elvira Carrizal-Dukes for the PAC. Ms. Carrizal-Dukes was also appointed as the Chair for the Committee. The Board approved Carolina Franco as the liaison for the Museum of Art, Vanessa Leon as the liaison for the Museum of Archaeology, and Karla Iscapa as the liaison for the Museum of History. All members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action on El Paso Museum of Art Loan Request and Accessions. Victoria Ramirez presented a gift offer that includes seven pieces from John and Mary Lou Paxton Family Trust who were acquainted to Tom Lea. All of the works are ink on paper and six of them are preliminary drawings. Currently the Museum of Art owns the second largest Tom Lea collection. The second gift offered to the Museum of Art is a self-portrait from Albert Wong, *Portrait of the Young Artist* from 1978. Anne Guiangiulio asked who has the largest Tom Lea collection and Dr. Ramirez responded the Ransom Center at the University of Texas. Dr. Ramirez explained every year the Art Museum receives funding from the Lipscomb Foundation and the Museum uses the funds to buy new acquisitions. Last year the acquisition was purchased and the gallery offered the Museum a discount. For this reason, the Museum had extra funds to acquire another piece of Art and she presented an art work by Therese Bauer. Ms. Bauer is an established print maker and a professor at the University of Texas at El Paso. The Art Museum had an exhibition of her works and the Museum offered to purchase one of her pieces. Dr. Ramirez also presented a loan request from the New Orleans Museum of Art for the 100th anniversary naming of the City celebration. The New Orleans Museum is requesting *The Education of Cupid* by Lambert Sustris, from October 25, 2018 to January 27, 2019. The second request is for the *Young Peter* by Henriette Wyeth from the James A. Michener Museum of Art from January 21 to May 6 of 2018 and the Roswell Museum and Art Center from June 15 to September 16 of 2018. Mr. Gorski requested a motion to approve. Carina Ramirez moved to approve. Anne Guiangiulio seconded; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

7. Museum Reports. Dr. Ramirez presented the El Paso Museum of Art report. She specified one of the highlights for the month was Chalk the Block (CTB) as the Museum stayed open until 10pm on Friday and Saturday and enjoyed high levels of attendance. She mentioned some of the upcoming events, current exhibitions and school partnerships. Dr. Ramirez emphasized the *Alter de Muertos* and *Dia de los Muertos Fronterizo* events in partnership with the Mexican Consulate in November as part of a big celebration for Dia de los Muertos. She mentioned the report provided to the Board this month includes a more detailed summary of the school partnership and programming the Museum offers. The Museum has a strong commitment to education for K through 12 students and teachers. David Grabitske also reported an increased level of visitation for the El Paso History Museum during CTB. He talked about how El Paso has embraced the Digital Wall and how the Museum continues to add more to it. He announced the opening of a new exhibit, *What We Brought*, on November 17. Jeff Romney shared the report for El Paso Museum of Archaeology. He talked about the events and activities during the month of October. He shared an update on the Mogollon Conference and the Museum's 40th Anniversary Family Day event. He brought a copy of a previous Conference publication as well as a Conference program to share with the Board. Mr. Romney showed pictures of the 40th Anniversary Family Day event, which included Tigua dancers, Ballet Folklorico and hands-on activities. He talked about the new exhibits opening in November for Native American Heritage month. Mr. Gorski congratulated Ben for a successful CTB weekend. Mr. Fyffe said the box with all the wishes from the Yoko Ono installation weighed 24 pounds and he acknowledged Marina Monsivais for private sector fundraising. Ms. Jerome shared some great stories from CTB as well as the record-breaking attendance at the event and across the Museums.

8. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2017.

Approved for content by:
Ken Gorski, Chair

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